GENERAL NEWS OF THE CITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

ARE WOOD PAVEMENTS UNHEALTHY?

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THE UNION CAMP MEETING AT SKAGGS.

Large and Interested Audience—Description of the New Tallmadge Hall—Police and other Items—Sad Accident to Mechanics—Three Severely Injured—Miscellaneous Paragraphs of Local Interest.

Weather probabilities estimated at 1 a. m.: For New England and the Middle States, the Lower Lake region and South Atlantic States, clear or clearing and warmer weather, with northeast to southeast winds and stationary or falling barometer.

Thermometic readings taken August 27th, 1872, at the Signal Office at 7 a. m., 63°; 7:35 a. m., 63°; 12 m., 70°; 2 p. m., 74°; 4:35 p. m., 72°; 9 p. m., 68°; 11 p. m., 67°; maximum, 74°; minimum, 58°.

The firemen will be paid off to-day.

Try the B. C. cigars. They are the best of all.

Sherman & Grant, bankers—Highest price paid for 3-65 bonds and auditors' certificates.

Highest price paid for left-off clothing, boots, shoes, &c., at Herzog's, 917 D street N.W.

Six per cent. paid on deposits, payable on demand. Special rates on time deposits. J. H. Squire & Co., bankers.

H. D. Cooke, Jr., & Co., F street, near the Treasury, do a general banking business, and buy and sell District securities, etc.

Rev. John B. Mullaly, of Loyola college, in Baltimore, Md., has been appointed vice president and treasurer of Georgetown college.

The District Commissioners and Chief Engineer were in consultation for some time yesterday upon the subject of sewers.

Thursday, George Kidwell, an apprentice to A. M. Warfield, gun and locksmith on 8th street southeast, while handling a loaded pistol was shot through one of the fingers of his left hand.

One of Dr. Nichols' lunatics is running at large, a tall, thick-set man, with florid complexion and sandy whiskers, but perfectly harmless.

Between eleven and twelve o'clock yesterday, Mr. Morris Pinchover, a tailor residing on High street, near Gay, Georgetown, was assaulted by Chas. Geitz, a plumber, with a piece of lead pipe and was very badly injured.

The Reformed Episcopal Church services will be conducted as usual in Lincoln Hall, to-morrow, morning and night, the Pastor Rev. William McGuire officiating. The Revised Prayer Book is in use at these services, and is furnished to all who attend. The public are invited.

A lease was executed yesterday between the District Commissioners and Mr. O. M. Rober, for the use of Mechanics Hall, adjoining police headquarters, on Louisiana avenue, for the fire alarm headquarters. The terms are $300 per annum—one year with the privilege of five years.

Those who fail to see the game between the Eagle (amateur) and National nines in a treat, both clubs making nine blue hits. The Nationals won by the score of 7 to 6. Earned runs, Eagle 1, Nationals 6. These clubs play again Monday.

Last evening about half past five o'clock as a little boy, ten years of age, named John Buckhart, was playing with a fish-line near his home on New York avenue, near Eighteenth street, the hook in some manner passed through his lip. Officer Collins conveyed the boy to Dr. Newman's office, where the hook was extracted by Drs. Newman and Hagner.

An excursion party of citizens of Bridgeport is expected to arrive here in the second week of September. On their route they will touch at New York, Norfolk, Portsmouth Fortress Monroe, City Point, Petersburg, Richmond, Yorktown, Aquia Creek, Fredericksburg, Mount Vernon and the various battle grounds adjacent to the places named, arriving in Washington Monday, September 13th. After remaining here a couple of days, the party will return home.

The Charitable Enterprise Association colored, have invited the colored singing clubs of Baltimore and this District to a singing contest to be held at Lincoln Hall on the evenings of the 7th, 8th and 9th of September. The prizes are $50 and a set of nice books, and Joseph Amoroh, Professor J. H. Daniel and Professor Equit, have been selected the judges on the part of the District clubs. Some of Baltimore clubs have accepted the invitation, and it is understood that they will select two judges.

The following is the programme of music by the marine band at the open air concert in the President's grounds this evening:

1. National air.
2. March—L. Schneider.
3. Overture, Reggente—Mercadante.
4. Magyrara, Unghaese—Mazanreck.
5. Selection, Favorita—Donizetti.
6. Waltz La fille de Mme. Angot—Lecocq.
7. Ave Maria—Gounod.
8. Turkish March—Mozart.
9. Galop, Werner Leben—Uberschar.
10. National air.

CAMP MEETING.

Union Gathering at Skaggs Farm.

The camp meeting at Skaggs Farm is still in progress, and is nightly attended during the week with large audiences and a very fair attendance during the afternoon meetings.

Numbers of our most prominent and respectable citizens have visited the ground during its progress. Governor Richmond, Lieutenant Hoxie, and other District officers have favored the camp with their presence and kind approbation.

The services of last Sabbath were of the most interesting and impressive character. Rev. John A. Williams, led off in the morning at 11 o'clock, with a most instructive and soul stirring discourse from Hebrews 11th chapter, 15 and 16 verses: "And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he hath prepared for them a city." It is impossible to describe the thrilling eloquence of this discourse and its effect upon the vast assembly. The veteran minister of Christ dealt in logic of the most sublime nature, and warming in his subject dealt out words of comfort and consolation to believers of warning to the unconverted, which cannot failto have its effect on all even for weeks and months to come.

Rev. Mr. Williams was followed at 3:00 p. m. by Rev. Jezekiah Butler of the Zion M. E. Conference, who took for his text the 32 and 33th verses of the 11th chapter of St. John, commencing the 34th verse, to wit: "When Jesus therefore, saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping, which came with her, he groaned in the spirit and was troubled: Jesus wept." The Rev. Mr. Butler's treatment of this subject was of a nature to take firm hold upon his auditors, and for more than an hour held the assembly as if spell-bound. Both saint and sinner, and when closing his discourse wound up with a most thrilling and masterly peroration which threw the entire camp into a thrill of excitement, such as could only be witnessed upon a regular old-fashioned Methodist camp ground.

The evening sermon was by Rev. Samuel Jones. The text was Romans, 7th chapter and 24th verse: "Oh wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

Like the others the discourse of Mr. Jones was full of earnest and valuable matter well presented.

On the whole the day was one of great interest, and will not soon be forgotten.

Five infants and two adults were baptized during the day by Rev. J. A. D. Green, or the I. M. E. Church.

There were eleven mourners and two converts at the evening service.

The prospect for to-morrow is good if the weather be at all favorable.

In addition to the other ministers in attendance for to-morrow, the Rev. Richard Norris of Wesch Chapel, will preach at three o'clock a discourse especially addressed to the unconverted.

The camp will break on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, with appropriate and impressive ceremonies.

Rev. Dr. Hedges, of East Washington M. E. Church, Fourth street, Navy Yard, will preach the Sacrament sermon at 3 p. m. on Monday, 30th instant.

This service and the camp-meeting love feast on Tuesday morning at eight o'clock will doubtless be very largely attended.

Extra facilities will be offered for reaching the camp, both from the terminus of the Columbia Railroad at M street and Boundary, northeast, and also from the Sixth street depot.

Yours, &c., ALETHES.

THE LIGHT GUARD'S TRIP TO WINCHESTER.

A Pleasant Visit in Prospect.

The Washington Light Guard of this city recently received a kind and pressing invitation from the Executive Committee of the Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Society to attend their fall fair at Winchester, Virginia, in September. The Guard looked favorably upon the idea and Mr. J. C. Maguire, Secretary of the organization was appointed a committee of one to look into the cost &c., of the trip. Meanwhile the rifle match between the Guard and "A" Company was proposed, and that coming off—about the time of the proposed trip—they have been forced to tender a regret to the society and give up the idea of seeing the historical town of Winchester, which, however, they hope to do at some future time.

Fine Improvement.

The row of five handsome pressed brick front houses on the east side of Eighth street, between P and Q streets northwest, which has just been completed, for the well-known contractor, Mr. Albert Gleason, is a valuable improvement to that vicinity, and should stimulate similar enterprises. The houses are each 16 feet front, 40 feet deep and are four stories in heights, including basement; have handsome porches and bay windows, stone and galvanized door and window trimmings, and cornices of entirely new design. In each is a dining room, kitchen, ample pantrys and china closets, parlor, sitting room, four chambers, servants' bed room, bath room, with hot and cold water, and large closets to each room. The parlors have in them handsome marble mantles, and fine slate mantles are in the other rooms. Mr. W. M. Poindexter was the architect, Mr. Z. Downing the contractor, and W. C. Cissell the sub-contractor. This improvement has cost Mr. Gleason nearly or quite $30,000. He has already rented four of them.

The Pilot Boy Monday Night.

The Mount Vernon M. E. Church join with the Memorial Church and St. Paul's choir (Lutheran) in the grand excursion on the Pilot Boy next Monday evening. Very large delegations from these churches will be participants in this splendid affair, which is the closing one of a series very popular and much enjoyed. The choir of St. Paul's will afford the finest vocal and instrumental music. Tickets at Ellis' and Holly Tree Lunch Rooms.

The Grand Opening

Of Franc's Mens' Furnishings and Hat Store, 623 Pennsylvania avenue, takes place to-day.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Vital Statistics—Are Wood Pavements Unhealthy?

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held at the board rooms last evening, Dr. C. O. Cox, president, in the chair.

Dr. Cox, from the Sanitary Police Committee, reported on the communication of Sister Irene, of St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, asking the refunding of six dollars paid for the impounding of two cows belonging to that institution, which got astray by the neglect of the boys placed to watch them, stating that the cows were properly impounded, but in consideration of the evident intent of the sisters to comply with the regulations and the charitable object of the institution it was recommended that the fine imposed be refunded with the understanding that the action should not be regarded as a precedent.

Mr. Marbury, from the Committee on Finance, reported a number of bills that were passed and ordered to be paid.

The following is a synopsis of the report of the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the week ending August 21: Total deaths, 97. Male, white, 10; female 8; male, colored, 4; female, 6. Minors, male, white, 19; female, 22; male, colored, 16; female, 13. Of this number 10 were less than one month old; 26 under one year; 20 between 1 and 2 years; 4 between 2 and 3 years; 35 between 3 and 80 years; and 2 over 80 years. Sixty-six were natives of this District; 30 of the United States; 1 of Ireland. The principal causes of death were; diphtheria, 1; whooping cough, 3; typhoid fever, 4; remittant fever, 1; diarrhœa, 4; dysentery, 4; cholera infantum, 17; alcoholism, 2; pithisic pulaumalis, 11; meningitis, 3; convulsions, 4; pneumonia, 3; old age, 2; violence, 3.

The mortality of the District was 97, (1 more than last week,) or at the rate of 31·02 per 1000 per annum. 43.29 per cent. of the deaths were from symotic diseases. 20.61 from constitutional, 20.61 from local, 12.37 from developmental, and 3.09 from violence.

Rate of mortality of the white population was 26.37 per 1000 per annum, while the mortality of the colored population was 43.91 per 1000 for the same period.

Rate of decrease of the white population by deaths over births 6.33 per 1000; while the decrease of the colored population by death over births was 9.25 per 1000 per annum.

For the same period there was 6 marriages, 2 white and 4 colored. Birth 79; white male, 17; female, 28; colored male, 18; female, 12.

Dr. Keene, Health Officer, again called the attention of the Board to a nuisance in lot 30, square 140, which has existed for over two years, and urged it immediate abatement. The matter was referred to a special committee for consideration and action.

The Fifth Sanitary Division was modified to to include the following boundaries: Third street east, I street southeast, to Canal, to Pennsylvania avenue, to Fourteenth street northwest, to L street northwest, to Third street east. The Fourth division was extended in the North to include all that portion of the city south of Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

The Health Officer reported that there was at the end of Seventeenth street wharf two hundred and fourteen barrels, the property of the Board, formerly used by the Disinfecting Apparatus Company, condemned, and many of them wholly unfit for repair. It is estimated that eighty of them may be repaired. Since the building was removed they lie exposed to the weather, may be stolen. He recommended that those unfit for repair be sold or destroyed, and the others be repaired and removed to the depot.

At Branchville there are seventy-five barrels worth repairing, and as directed by the Board, the Health Officer employed a cooper, at an expense of forty cents per barrel. Thirty-one are worthless, and should be sold or destroyed; seven have floated down stream, but may be recaptured. There is a total of two hundred and ten barrels not in use.

The Health Officer was authorized to have the barrels re-coopered, that were deemed worthy of it. Dr. Verdi offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire whether wood pavements, in a state of decay, and wood pavements which, on account of their broken condition, allow decomposed vegetable and animal matter to collect in large quantities, in holes or under their surface, are not a source of malaria or infection, thus instituting a nuisance injurious to health.

Resolved, That the committee examine and report such wood pavements in Washington and Georgetown, as in their present condition may be deemed nuisances injurious to health.

Drs. Verdi and Bliss and Professor Langston were appointed as the committee.

The board then adjourned.

TALLMADGE HALL.

A Public Necessity Supplied.

Brief reference has already been made to that new improvement, Tallmadge Hall, 928 and 930 F street, but it is something worth more than a passing notice. Within two or three years past, Washington has taken a wonderful start in the matter of social organizations for literary, dramatic and musical culture, and these latter exhibitions, especially those of the "Joe Jefferson" and "Schiller" clubs, have been witnessed with great satisfaction. The most, however, of suitable, appropriate halls for their use has been severely felt—halls combining with a fair auditorium the accessories of a properly constructed stage. Tallmadge Hall not only meets this requirement in every particular, but is peculiarly adapted to all the purposes of an excellent dancing hall, and in this respect is furnished with conveniences which ladies and gentlemen will most heartily appreciate

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and the hall itself is on the grade of the street, and through a handsomely finished passage-way, some thirteen feet in width. On the right of the farther end is the ticket office, and permanent and all convenient attachments, and on the opposite side is the ladies' and gentlemen's cloak room, commodious enough for all purposes, and so arranged that the ladies, when it is desirable, can pass through it, and be joined by their escort at a private door leading to the hall. This convenience on the occasion of grand dress balls will be acknowledged with thanks. On the right of the hall is the private stairway to the gallery, roomy enough for seating three or four hundred people, and adapted for two bands of music promenade and dancing, and one of them, as at a masquerade ball for instance, will become very popular with spectators merely; in fact it has many of the characteristics of a private box. Next, on the right, is the gentlemen's dressing room, nicely furnished with mirrors, wash basins, washing apparatus and closets, and just beyond this is the ladies' dressing room. A Brussels carpet of bright figure covers the floor, and is furnished with a handsome sofa, gilt framed mirrors, easy chairs, and attached to this private saloon parlor they will find their own retiring room. The hall itself, not to be exact, but nearly so, is one hundred feet long and fifty feet wide, and will comfortably seat eight hundred people, exclusive of the galleries, and, including the large windows—it must be recollected the hall is on the ground floor—it has fifteen perfect passages of exit in case of a fire or any calamity requiring its sudden vacation. This, it is to be hoped, will never occur; but in case it should, a wise foresight has provided against such possible injury. The chairs are wide, roomy, and of the woven cane seat pattern. An audience can sit in them without the slightest uncomfortable crowding. It is lighted from above by three immense reflectors, the centre one being seventy-two inches in diameter, the others sixty. They throw a perfect flood of soft yet brilliant light over the entire hall, still on its sides there are several ornamental brackets, and in addition to these there are the footlights of the stage. The ventilating and acoustic properties of the hall are well nigh perfect. To these two most important considerations the genius of the architect has been specially directed, and with marvelous success. The stage is quite large enough for all the purposes it will be required, and is fitted up in regular theatre fashion with drop curtain, footlights, trap door, flies, scenes, slides, and all the mysteries.

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Weller and Mahon were yesterday arraigned before the Police court charged with an affray, but the case was postponed until Tuesday.

Weller states that his meeting with Mahon and his wife in the Smithsonian grounds was entirely accidental, and that he did not use in assaulting him a sling shot, as has been stated.

The Snyder Case.

The Department of Justice will designate Hon. Jeremiah M. Wilson a special attorney to prosecute any action which may be taken by that office towards those concerned in the release of Snyder, the alleged robber of Perry's store. The detectives have a clue to the whereabouts of the person who represented himself as Edes, and it is likely he will be apprehended.

THE DETROIT CONVENTION.

Unfair Reports from it by the Associated Press.

To the Editor of the National Republican:

SIR: We avail ourselves, with many thanks, of your courteous offer to print our statement of the Detroit National Greenback Convention.

We have seen with surprise, the report sent by the local agent, describing the meeting as a failure.

From personal knowledge, we state that the meeting was in all respects a success, and in a remarkable degree satisfactory to its promoters and friends.

In the intelligence and weight of character of its members, in numbers, and in the dignified and candid spirit of its deliberations it met all just expectations of those who attended it. The speeches, letters and resolutions were excellent, and were received with lively and well sustained enthusiasm.

It was not designed as a lion-slayer, nor to influence public sentiment by a mere parade of multitude. It was intended to be a representative body, from that class of thoughtful men, who see radical defects in our currency system, and who desire to co-operate for its reform.

The purpose was simply to publish to the county those principles and measures upon which we could all agree. Thus we hoped to correct popular misapprehensions as to our plans and purposes and gain the support of all honest and patriotic men who would save their country from the financial ruin which now impends.

It is true that no great number of distinguished politicians honored this convention with their presence. Indeed, their absence was a most notable, and possibly not unfavorable fact. There was no concealment, or time serving, or ambiguous statement by anybody.

The convention was composed of men who truly represent the country in its largest sense. They came from its farms, its work-shops, its marts of trade, its rolling mills and forges. The press, the pulpit, the bar, the school-room and the university, the study of the scholars, and the laboratory of the scientist, all sent able representatives. I was eminently a meeting of the Captains of industry and enterprise. There were few who lived by politics, or upon the rental of money, or by gambling in stocks. Members of this convention came spontaneously, great distances, at large expense, from widely separated states, inspired by patriotic impulse. Thirty-eight hundred letters were received from all parts of the Union, indicating the wide interest in the subject of monetary reform. Many of these letters bore names distinguished in the highest ranks of philosophy and economic science.

The addresses delivered were marked by great ability, and a temperate and patriotic spirit. The opening speech of Judge Kelley was exceedingly able, and will add to his fame as the most eloquent defender of imperiled industry and trade since the days of Henry Clay.

The convention was held with no design of promoting the interests of either political party, or of any aspirant for office. It meant to demand the resumption of specie resumption, and the restoration of the currency to the control of the people. These propositions were clearly set forth in the resolutions adopted. They are admirably defended in the powerful letter of Hon. J. Carey, of Philadelphia, the most distinguished and revered economist in our country.

A cause which can boast the warm support of such names as Henry Carey and Peter Cooper, may well afford to endure, though it cannot deserve disrespectful treatment. Its hearing at the bar of the American people cannot long be postponed. Our present money system is built upon the ruins of industry and trade. Its foundations are heaving with the premonitions of doom. An aroused nation will soon demand from those who undertake to govern, that their children shall not be sacrificed to the golden Moloch that the priests of the money ring have set up for worship. That potential voice will summon President and Congress alike, with an imperative emphasis which brooks no denial.

Very Respectfully,

T. J. DURANT,
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WHAT FAMILIES PAY.

The State of the Retail Markets.

The supply of fresh and "near-by" vegetables and fruits has been greatly curtailed in consequence of the disagreeable condition in which the rains have left the roads. The weather has also interfered to some extent with the gathering of these products. Very few of our country cousins who reside within five or ten miles of the city and who market their crops by the time-honored and original "arranger" wagon carried to work in wet gardens, fields and orchards and then plod through muddy, almost impassable roads to an overstocked market where they had claimed, before the rains set in, that they could not realize enough to cover the cost of production.

But "it is a poor wind that blows nobody good," and in the miserable weather, of which many of us complained so early in the week, our country cousins find redress of their grievances, viz: a material improvement in prices. Yesterday was a beautiful day and numerous wagons might have been seen wending their way by the dirt roads and pikes to our markets: this morning being the great day among buyers it furnished a pecuniary as well as a meteorological inducement; but as the wagons arrived in the evening a shower bath saluted them with the promise of "a night of it." Although the market is not as large as it was some two weeks ago there is a much more liberal array of wagons this morning than for a week past, and no doubt the supply of country produce is fully up to all demands.

Prices are generally unchanged since last regular report: Potatoes, Irish, 40@50c. ⅌ peck; do sweets 60c ⅌ peck; cabbage 5@8c ⅌ head: Tomatoes, 15@30c ⅌ peck; Onions, 40c ⅌ per peck, and 5c ⅌ bunch; Beets, 60c ⅌ peck; Turnips, 10@15c ⅌ dozen; Cymlins, 8@10c ⅌ dozen; Okra, 60c ⅌ peck; Cucumbers, 12c ⅌ dozen.

In fruits, Apples sell at 25@30c ⅌ peck; Peaches 20@30c ⅌ peck; inferior, 10@15c; Pears, choice, 80c ⅌ peck.

The market for flesh is steady. Beef, porterhouse, 20@25c. ⅌ lb.: sirloins, 20c.; round, 15c; roasting pieces, 12@15c.; corned, 10@12c. dried, 20c sliced, 25c; chipped, 30c; Pork, 10@20c.; corned, 8@12½c.: Mutton, 15@20c.; Lamb, 18@20c; Veal, 10@25c; Dried Beef, 20@25c; Sugar Cured Hams, 20@22c; Hams, 18c; Shoulders, 12c; Sides, 15c; Middlings, 15c: cut, 17@18c; Shoulders, 14c whole; 15c cut; Western Shoulders, 11c; Tongues, 50@60c each; Lard, 18c ⅌ lb.

Fish are unchanged: Rock, 35@40c per bunch; Perch, 35@40c per bunch; Catfish, 25c per bunch; Halibut, 20c per lb.; Perch, yellow, 40c per bunch; Shad, 50@50c per pr.; Herring, 25c per bunch; Sheepshead, 25@31; Salmon (California), 40@50c per lb.; Mackerel, 20c per lb.; Codfish, 4½@6½c per lb.; Lobster, 15c; Clams, $1 per 100.

BUTTER.—New York, 40c: fair roll, 25@35c. Philadelphia prime, 50c. Cheese, 20@25c. Eggs, 20c per dozen.

In the grocery line the changes have been slight. Coffee—Rio roasted, 30c per lb.; Maricaibo, 25c; Java, 40c.

Sugar, 9@11c for light brown; White's coffee, 12c; refined, powdered and granulated, 12½c; cut loaf, 15c.

TEA.—Gunpowder, $1@1 50; Imperial, 50c@$1; English breakfast, 75c@$1; Japan, 50c@$1; Black, 50c@$1. Against much positive injury. The chairs are wide, roomy, and of the woven cane seat pattern. An audience can sit in them without the slightest uncomfortable crowding. It is lighted from above by three immense reflectors, the centre one being seventy-two inches in diameter, the others sixty. They throw a perfect flood of soft yet brilliant light over the entire hall, still on its sides there are several ornamental brackets, and in addition to these there are the footlights of the stage. The ventilating and acoustic properties of the hall are well nigh perfect. To these two most important considerations the genius of the architect has been specially directed, and with marvelous success. The stage is quite large enough for all the purposes it will be required, and is fitted up in regular theatre fashion with drop curtain, footlights, trap door, flies, scenes, slides, and all the mysteries.

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Both Parties in the Police Court.

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Weller and Mahon were yesterday arraigned before the Police court charged with an affray, but the case was postponed until Tuesday.

Weller states that his meeting with Mahon and his wife in the Smithsonian grounds was entirely accidental, and that he did not use in assaulting him a sling shot, as has been stated.

The Snyder Case.

The Department of Justice will designate Hon. Jeremiah M. Wilson a special attorney to prosecute any action which may be taken by that office towards those concerned in the release of Snyder, the alleged robber of Perry's store. The detectives have a clue to the whereabouts of the person who represented himself as Edes, and it is likely he will be apprehended.

ACCIDENT TO WORKMEN.

Two Men Slightly Injured.

Yesterday morning, about half-past eight o'clock, as three painters, Walter Sebastian, J. C. Masters and Andrew Brown, were engaged at work on the cornice of the new buildings, in course of erection, by Ex-Governor Shepherd, at the corner of H and First streets northwest, the scaffold on which they were standing fell, and they were precipitated to the ground. Mr. Sebastian, who had his left arm broken above the elbow, and Mr. Masters, who was slightly injured were carried to their homes, but Mr. Brown, who had received internal injuries, was conveyed to the Providence Hospital.

Society.

Miss Lucy C. Murphy, 817 Twelfth street, entertained a large party of friends last evening. This accomplished and most estimable young lady was the recipient of much sincere praise. The refreshments were elegantly timed for the season, and the pleasant hours were consumed in dancing and polite conversation.

The Court House.

Yesterday was as nearly a *dies non* at the City Hall as any day can be when the clerks' offices are open. There were no suits, not a single marriage license was granted, and the office closed at night with a very limited account of fees in its drawer.

Fine Furniture at Auction.

Parties desiring a fine class of furniture should not fail to attend the sale on Monday next, by Thomas Dowling, at No. 715 Fourteenth street northwest. For description see advertisement.

New Fall Styles

Of Mens' Furnishings and Hats, exhibited at the opening to-day of Franc's new store, 623 Pennsylvania avenue.

A Heartless Hoax Concerning the Last Aeronaut.

The Cincinnati *Times* publishes what can only be regarded as a heartless hoax concerning the fate of the aeronaut Donaldson. It states that a Mr. Wilson, "one of the editors of the Pembroke (Ontario) *News*," who had set out with some friends on a fishing excursion, found him sheltered under a ruined fishing hut, about fifty miles from "Les des Quinzes," his left leg and arm broken, and the wounds gangrened, with death from exhaustion close at hand.

His story in brief was that when the balloon was overtaken by the storm, and it became evident that one of the voyagers must be sacrificed to save the other, he, refraining to cast lots with Grimwood (because if the latter were favored by fortune he would but prolong his agony since he could not manage the balloon), threw him into the lake. Having confessed this Donaldson died, and Mr. Wilson, with the finejournalistic instinct so rarely found in Canadian newspaper men, started for civilization with his news, leaving his companion to follow with the body, which is easily transported at this time of the year and under such circumstances.

There are a few points in this story which the Cincinnati *Times* places at the head of its editorial columns, that may provoke comment. It is rather singular that this important news was not telegraphed to any paper in the country and only received by one. Pembroke is in the county of Renfrew, which has only one newspaper and that is the Pembroke *Observer*. Its editor is Mr. Findlay and its editorial staff consists of one man—himself. The Montreal river does not take its rise in Lac les Quinzes, but flows into the Ottawa fifty miles below the lake and on the opposite side of the river. Mr. Donaldson in his ante-mortem statement emits to observe that when he ascended at Chicago a sudden storm of thunder and lightning came on.

He further falls to account for the fact that the balloon, after depositing him in the woods near Lake Temiscaming, returned to Lake Michigan and strewed pieces of itself along the coast in the vicinity of Grimwood's fatal fall. Finally, the editor goes a little too far when he asks the public to believe that the balloon was seen over Aurora, only thirty miles north of Toronto, on the 31st of July, having descended within sight of any one from the Straits of Mackinack to return instantly to the head waters of the Ottowa. The whole thing is only a stupid elaboration of a suggestion in the Chicago *Tribune* that Grimwood might have come to his death in some such manner. It is heartless as well as stupid, especially as Donaldson leaves near, dear and helpless relatives to whom such a hoax will appear by no means as funny as perhaps it did to its author.

A Kentucky Bridal Tour.

There came one day to a little inland town in Kentucky, a young rural couple who had just been bound by the "silken bonds." Their destination was the depot, and the bridegroom was evidently quite impatient for fear the train should arrive before he could reach the office. Buying one ticket, they stood on the platform until the train had stopped.

When they entered the car the bridegroom found his bride a seat, kissed her most affectionately, bade her "good-bye," and going out, seated himself on a box and commenced whittling most vigorously. He watched the train out of sight, regret depicted on his face, when a bystander, thinking the whole proceeding rather strange, resolved to interview him. Approaching him carelessly, and chewing a straw to keep up his courage, he said:

"Been gettin' married lately?"

"Yes," said he, "me and Sallie got spliced this mornin'."

"Was that her you put on the train?"

"Yes," with a sigh.

"A likely lookin' gal," said our questioner. "Anybody sick, that she had to go away?"

"No," but here he grew confidential. "You see me and Sallie had talked that everybody when they got married took a bridal tour. So I told Sallie I hadn't money enough for both of us to go, but she shouldn't be knocked out of hers. So I just brought her down here, bought her ticket and sent her on a visit to some of her folks, and thought I might get some work harvestin' till she got back."

That afternoon found him busily at work, and when in a day or two after Sallie came back, he welcomed her cordially and affectionately, and hand in hand they started down the dusty road to their new home and duties.

ALL-SORTS.

A man in Paris has a pair of spectacles in his stomach. He got them there in an effort to induce vomiting by poking them down his throat.

Colonel D. K. R. Anthony has so far recovered from the effects of being shot as to be able to walk about the streets of Leavenworth, Kansas.

They are trying to acclimate the Florida cedar tree in Germany, as it furnishes the only kind of wood suitable for the manufacture of lead pencils.

Texas is now able to raise sufficient grain for home consumption and a goodly quantity for exportation. Her wheat and oats have brought high prices in New Orleans.

At Laufenburg, in Switzerland, droves of wild bears that frequent the forests in that neighborhood have lately descended in the plains. Great damage has been done to the standing crops by the repeated incursions of these animals.

Mrs. Jane G. Swisshelm avers that oleomargine and fresh milk form a sure remedy for hydrophobia. Let the oleomargine rook into the milk, boil it and give it to the patient, fasting, a pint at a time. Three doses at intervals of forty-eight hours, she says, will effect a cure.

It is a singular coincidence that the examination of the hundred remains of Aztec villages in Arizona and the mounds in the Grand Traverse region of Michigan revealed large quantities of charcoal in close proximity to human bones.

Since the year 1800 England has waged forty-nine wars; France, thirty-eight; Russia, twenty-two; Austria, twelve; Prussia, eight; and in spite of all the peace societies and international conventions they all appear anxious for another.

The scientific establishment on Penikese Island having failed, an effort will be made to establish a similar school at Newport. By transferring the establishment from the island to the main land, it is estimated that $5,000 per annum can be saved.

The Sultan of Zanzibar is a clever pianist. At a recent visit to a music shop in Paris where he went to buy a piano, the Sultan caused considerable astonishment by sitting down to the instrument and performing, with effect a fantasia by Thalberg.

On the high road between Wulfingen and Winterthur, in Switzerland, a solitary footpad armed with a poniard, and of surprising audacity, has established himself. Four highway robberies have been reported lately. The victims who have been compelled to stand and deliver comprise three travellers and a soldier returning home on leave of absence.

A young man of Wilmington, N. C., having a short leave of absence from his employer, remained away so long, at a fashionable summer resort that the employer telegraphed for him to return, or he would discharge him. "Don't want the place have a $200,000 girl in love with me," was the answer. But he came back in week and took a place at $30 a month.

A tourist stopping at an establishment at Engbein, France, where throat diseases are said to be cured by inhaling the fumes of a sulphur spring, passed an hour in the reception instead of the inhaling room, and when informed of the mistake declared that the bronchitis had left him any way.

The following notice from the War Office appeared in the London Gazette of August 13: "Half Pay.—Lieutenant Colonel and Brevet Colonel Valentine Baker, half pay, late Tenth Hussars, has been removed from the army, Her Majesty having no further occasion for his services. Dated 24 August, 1875."

A bereaved New York woman went to her minister asking him to come and perform the funeral service of her fourth husband, he having officiated for her three who had previously disappeared from public view. "Why, madam, why is this?" asked the reverend gentleman. "Ah, its mighty bad," she replied. "There was never a poor woman born down with such a lot of dying men as I've been."

The London gossips are telling this story, *apropos* of Queen Victoria's continued seclusion: At the Princess of Wales' garden party, at which the wax tresses, the other day, the Queen accosted a distinguished officer and conversed affably with him for some minutes. At last the gallant General remarked, "I am really very sorry, madam, for being so stupid. I am sure I have seen your face, and remember it perfectly well, but I cannot remember your name.

A lively New York correspondent of the Chicago *Times* is writing up the principal journalists of New York. She says that